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General Howard and Chief Joseph.

A stern chase is a long chase, especially when the fleeing party is an Indian and adverse to being caught. With out doubt General Howard has followed Chief Joseph with such speed as the circumstances admit of, but it is equally certain that Chief Joseph has been quite as dexterous and industrious in eluding pursuit. It has been General Howard's misfortune to be deceived in his enemy. He has been so certain of the future that he thought he might announce it in advance. At one time General Howard announced that he had Joseph hemmed in in a mountainous pass and would proceed to capture him. Very shortly after Joseph was dancing away from the pass in fine spirits, and Howard was following with such fine spirits as he could command. The latter at the same time anticipated the future once more by announcing an intention to annihilate Joseph when he should come up to him. Possibly the astute Indian read this dispatch, for he kept out of Howard's way, and in doing so encountered a small force under General Gibbon which he used very roughly. Howard then telegraphed that he proposed to concentrate with the remnant of Gibbon's command and administer a much needed lesson to Joseph. Since coming to that conclusion the intelligence from Howard has not been of a character to inspire a lively hope that Joseph will be subjected to the discipline General Howard would doubtless like to administer. The chase has been a long one, and the party being pursued has the advantage of knowing the country they pass through. General Howard can hardly be blamed for not overtaking Joseph under the circumstances; but his failure would be less conspicuous if his dispatches had been less confident. As matters now stand both General Howard and Joseph are nearly lost sight of. They passed from Oregon into Idaho, through that Territory into Montana, and at last accounts were headed toward the Yellowstone country which is beyond the limits of Howard's department. To Howard and his brave soldiers this stern chase must have been one of hardship and disappointment.—S. F. Call.

Protests for Sitting Bull.

A letter recently written by Wendell Phillips to the governor general of Canada protesting against the rendition of Sitting Bull, is a piece of that erratic man's characteristic work; not worthy, however, of special attention because it emanates from Wendell Phillips, but notable as an utterance of eastern sentimentalism. The logic of every protest against the encroachment of the whites upon the Indian races, and against the occupation and settlement of the wild portions of country still infested, rather than occupied or used, by scattered Indian tribes, is an arraignment of the whole civilization of this continent; for without such encroachment Boston had never been, and the whole continent would still be a wilderness. Unless eastern people are willing to abandon the country they occupy, which was wrested by their ancestors from savage hands, and allow it to revert to its primitive savage condition, they have no right to blame those who are redeeming the west from the like condition and preparing a country for the homes of civilization.—Oregonian.

"Hunted Down"—you will see it on any young man who is just beginning to raise a few hairs.

Gibbon's Fight.

To abbreviate a very interesting battle: Gibbon surprised the Indians at daylight with his entire force and dealt them a very severe blow, but the rascals rallied very quick and drove Gibbon, with considerable loss to a timbered knoll, near the base of a mountain, where he was compelled to fortify. The Indians scattered all around him, firing around his little command from all quarters, trying to burn him out by setting fire to the grass, with the hope of its sweeping to the trees in the little fort. Fortunately for Gibbon the Indians heard of Howard's approach with about two hundred cavalry and left them to look out for themselves. Among the prominent Indians killed in this fight was Croesus Back Tail, whose departure to the "happy hunting grounds" gives me a *quit* claim deed to the horse of his I captured at the Clearwater fight. I do not like to criticize a man like Gen. Gibbon, who planned so sagaciously and struck so courageously, but think that had he waited our arrival and not been quite so anxious to cover himself with glory, the result would have been very different. It is very evident that the Indians intended to remain at this place for at least four days, from the fact that they were engaged in cutting and boring poles for the buffalo plains, to say nothing of other signs and their own statements, and consequently the precipitated attack of Gibbon was uncalled for and met with a check that by permitting us to join in would have rebounded very considerably to his credit. After burying the bucks, but 17 in number, and the squaws and children, we continued our chase after the nimble Joseph.—Cor. of the Standard.

THE NORTH WEST.—The independent steamer North West, Captain Stump's boat, is trying to get out the grain from points above Wallula, but it is exceedingly doubtful if she can get above Tucanon or Penawawa; and forty tons are about all she can bring down till she strikes Umatilla.—Schwabacher to the Intelligencer.

What Mr. Schwabacher may know concerning the ability of the North West to go above Tucanon, we suppose to be mere conjecture. We have not yet learned that this boat will be unable to reach Lewiston so soon as her fire box and boiler are properly proportioned so as to make the usual quantity of steam used by boats in ascending the Snake river. We hope Capt. Stump will soon prove the complete success of his boat.

GEN. SHERMAN.—This distinguished officer reached Spokane Falls on Thursday of last week, with two ambulances and freight wagons over the Mullan road in eight days from Missoula. A company of axmen went in advance and cleared the road of fallen timber. The General was compelled to be at Olympia on the 25th and hence proceeded on Friday directly on his route via Walla Walla. To visit Lapwai would be about seventy miles out of his route. He has thus far eluded the path of Joseph entirely.

The best way to kill a joke is to say that it is funny before you tell it.

ONE bad example spoils many good precepts.